

NAME: John R. Shoneck

RANK: Senior Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 Jul 32

HOME OF RECORD: Meridan CT

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Shoneck was a flight mechanic on an HU-16 helicopter which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The last radio contact from the helicopter was approximately 53 nautical miles in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Sergeant Shoneck was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

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